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<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	09/903,266	BARANGAN ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	Joseph P. Hirl	2129	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to April 3, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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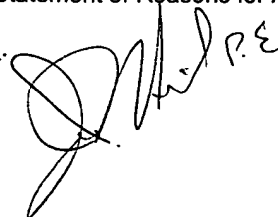
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)            |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)   | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material                     | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance   |
|  | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____  |



***Reasons for Allowance***

1. Claims 1-10 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The cited prior art taken alone or in combination fails to teach the claims invention of a method to recommend a fabric care product such as laundry detergents, fabric softeners, spot removers, pretreating, wrinkle reduction and removal, bleaching, color protection, and static control, to a consumer predicated on personalized consumer data to include perfume or fragrance (olfactory profile) preference collected from an Internet Web Site.

The closest prior art (Koopersmith, US Pub 2001/0042002) teaches a method and system for communicating target information such as a demographic profile for at least one of a plurality of consumers. Koopersmith does not teach product targeting based on personalized consumer data subject to perfume or fragrance (olfactory profile) preference collected from an Internet Web Site. Alternatively, the prior art of Tracy (USPN 6,550,672) teaches method and system for presenting item information using a portable data terminal that facilitates portable shopping but Tracy does not teach fabric care products. Further in the alternative, the prior art of Johnson et al (USPN 6,484,158) does teach dynamic rule based market research databases wherein the commodity group, Fabric Softener Products is identified, the input category is Dish and Laundry Cleaner and Aid, the input common product name is Antistatic Spray or Fabric Wrinkle Remover Spray and the input package characteristic describes the container and container size. However, Johnson et al does not teach product targeting based on

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personalized consumer data subject to perfume or fragrance (olfactory profile) preference collected from an Internet Web Site. The sense of smell or olfactory profile criteria collected on an Internet Web Site adds multiple dimensions to the applicants model of dispensing of fabric care products to consumers that is novel and non obvious.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Correspondence Information***

3. Any inquiry concerning this information or related to the subject disclosure should be directed to the Primary Examiner, Joseph P. Hirl, whose telephone number is (571) 272-3685. The Examiner can be reached on Monday – Thursday from 6:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, David R. Vincent can be reached at (571) 272-3080.

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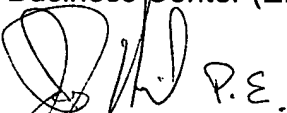
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. P. Hirl", with the initials "P.E." written to the right.

Joseph P. Hirl  
Primary Examiner  
April 11, 2006